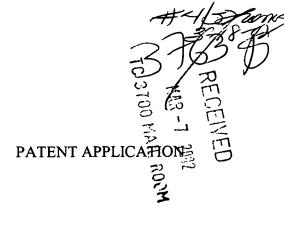


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on or about October 3, 2001, for which a three-month response period ending about January 3, 2001 was set. The extended deadline is about February 3, 2001.

A check in the amount of Fifty-Five Dollars (\$55.00) is enclosed herewith in payment of

the fee for a one-month extension for a small entity. A small entity verification form has been previously filed in the application.

An Amendment and Terminal Disclaimer in Application is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due in connection with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0838. A copy of this Request is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Please note that the correspondence address and the telephone number for this application has been changed to the address set forth below. A Change of Correspondence Address form is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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